

## Things to Help Your Struggling Reader

### 1. Read Together, and Often!

Give opportunities for shared reading together. Struggling readers are generally not independently motivated to read because the text is on their frustration level. Accountability to read, and engage in conversations about what they have read are vital practice!

### 2. Listening to Reading

Borrow audiobooks from the public library. This will allow for further text exposure without the frustration of the student independently reading.

### 3. Pick a “Good Fit Book”

Your student should be reading books they can independently be successful with. Academic self-esteem is important! Picture books and short chapter books such as “Nate the Great” “Junie B. Jones” “A to Z Mysteries” “Bailey School Kids” and “Magic Tree House” series are appropriate for students that struggle with reading stamina and/or are reading below a 4th grade level.

### 4. Read, Read, Read

Practice, practice, practice! “Practice makes progress.” An investment if required before one can receive a return on their efforts. Progress will not happen on its own. “Focus on progression, not on perfection.” Becoming a secure reader doesn’t happen overnight, and requires a continual investment to be made in focusing on each small improvement, and looking forward to the next small step on the journey to success.



